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E.O. 11652: ADS DECLAS JULY 14, 1975

TAGS: AEMR, MARR, JA, VS

SUBJECT: EVACUATION FROM VIETNAM

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

A. JCS 121508Z APRIL; B. TOKYO 4430 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY IS WORKING WITH US FORCES WHICH ARE DEVELOPING CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE POSSIBLE USE OF U.S. BASES IN JAPAN TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS EVACUEES FROM VIETNAM. OUR BASES HERE OBVIOUSLY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SUPPORT A SUBSTANTIAL FLOW OF EVACUEES FOR LIMITED TIME, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES IT PRUDENT TO CONTINUE WITH THIS PLANNING.

2. EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED USFJ WITH OUR ESTIMATE (REF B) OF THE DIFFICULT LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD ARISE SHOULD WE SEEK TO USE BASES IN JAPAN AS SAFEHAVE FOR THIRD COUNTRY EVACUEES. WE DO NOT HOWEVER FORESEE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE CASE OF AMCIT EVACUEES. THIS SUGGESTS

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POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY OF CONCENTRATING PREPARATIONS

ON SUPPORT OF AMCIT EVACUEES, AT LEAST UNTIL EMBASSY  
CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT GOJ WILL PERMIT USE OF  
BASES TO SUPPORT THOSE FROM THIRD COUNTRIES (TCNS),  
INCLUDING VIETNAMESE.

3. IF CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO EVACUATION OF TCN'S  
THROUGH JAPAN, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SOUND OUT  
GOJ CONFIDENTIALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY IS NOT  
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GOJ ATTITUDE BUT WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE  
TRY. IF WE ARE RIGHT, ANY ATTEMPT TO BRING GOJ AROUND  
WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE MORE TIME THAN WE WILL HAVE ONCE AN  
EVACUATION STARTS.

4. IN ADDITION TO THIS BASIC QUESTION, OUR PLANNING HERE  
WOULD BE FACILITATED IF WE COULD OBTAIN PRELIMINARY THINKING  
RE POSSIBLE USE OF JAPAN AS SAFEHAVE AND GENERAL  
PARAMETERS OF POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS.  
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